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PRELIMINARY PROJECT ANALYSIS OF ORE 10-50:

PROBABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FAR EAST

I. Introductory

1. This analysis is designed to spell out the scope of the project and to provide a suggested approach to the solution of the problem. Development of a detailed substantive outline by interagency participation will necessarily follow agreement on fundamental questions raised in this analysis.

II. The Problem

1. To estimate the probable developments in the Far East, and to assess the effect of these developments on the security of the US.

III. Assumptions

1. That present US policies with respect to the Far East will be implemented. (The statement of such policies to be provided by OIR, presumably to be based on NSC 48/2).

2. No basic assumption is made as to whether a continuance of the cold war or an outbreak of global hostilities will occur.

IV. Scope of the Problem

1. The geographic scope for the Far East will include all countries east of Iran and west of Australia, excluding the USSR.

2. The time scope of the problem will be within practicable limits; that is, those limits within which developments can be reasonably forecast on the basis of available information, extending as far as possible into the future.

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V. General Approach

The contemplated steps of estimation and assessment in the solution of the problem are as follows:

- a. An analysis of the intentions with respect to the Far East of the USSR and other countries (including the Far Eastern countries themselves) whose interests in the region are of major concern to the US.
- b. An analysis of the elements of power (political, economic, military, and other) which those countries have at their disposal to utilize in the Far East.
- c. An analysis of the susceptibilities of the countries of the Far East to the actions and influences implicit in the intentions and available elements of power as estimated in "a", and "b", above.
- d. An assessment of the balance between the available elements of power identified in "b" above, and the susceptibilities identified as "c" above to determine the effective capabilities of the countries identified in "a" above.
- e. Estimation of the probable developments in all areas of the Far East.
- f. An assessment of the importance to the security of the US of these probable developments.

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